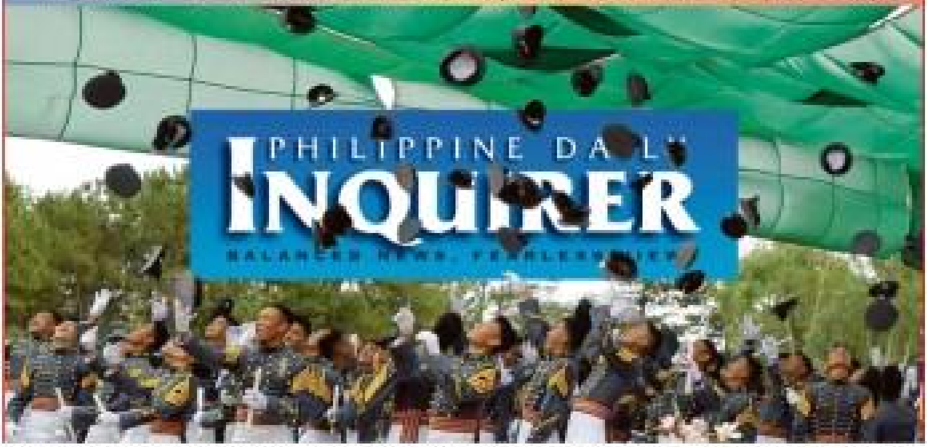
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Drilon: Prosecutors never got back on plea deal

By Christian V. Esguerra

WHATEVER HAPPENED to the government prosecutors' promise to review their controversial plea bargain agreement with ex-military comptroller Carlos Garcia?

Sen. Franklin Drilon yesterday scored Special Prosecutor Wendell Sulit for failing to get back to the senators on her group's pledge to re-examine the agreement in the wake of supposedly new pieces of evidence that surfaced against Garcia in the ongoing blue ribbon committee investigation.

"She said two weeks ago that come Thursday, March 3, she would tell us their decision on the plea bargain agreement," Drilon said of Sulit in Filipino. "But she didn't show up last Thursday and, with arrogance, her fellow prosecutors just said that they were still studying the matter."

The blue ribbon committee is poised to wrap up its inquiry into the plea bargain agreement after a final hearing. Drilon has filed a bill seeking to firm up the plea bargain mechanism to guard against possible abuses.

"We should have a clear-cut law that would establish a formal policy in the implementation of plea bargain agreements because without legislation, individuals accused of grave offenses like plunder would just enter into a plea bargain with the prosecution, even without the consent of the offended party," he said in a statement.

Senate Bill No. 2732 or the Plea Bargain Act of 2011 allows the prosecution to enter into such agreements "with the accused with the consent of the offended party, during or after the presentation of the prosecution evidence, but before the presentation of the defense evidence, and in no case after the dismissal by the court of a demurrer to evidence."

The measure would also set stricter conditions, including one that would require an accused to make a "full restitution of the property or public funds involved."

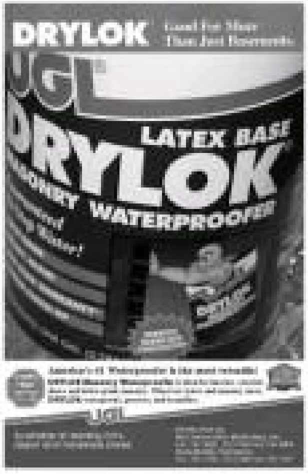
Sulit and her fellow prosecutors had agreed to a plea bargain wherein Garcia would return less than half of his alleged P303-million loot from military coffers and plead guilty to a lesser offense.

In the event of a conspiracy, another condition would require the accused who is not the most guilty to "fully cooperate in the prosecution of principal conspirators."

"The setting of guidelines ensures that the process does not become a mere vehicle for diluting the gravity of the offense charged against the accused, for decreasing the deterrent value of the law intended to penalize the offenses committed or for creating opportunities for graft and corrupt practices," Drilon said.

"There are instances that a plea bargain is needed but there should be checks and balances."

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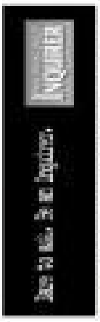


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DOJ official accused of bias vs LTO chief

A FACTION of Stradcom Corp. yesterday assailed Justice Undersecretary Francisco Baraan III for his supposed bias in recommending the suspension of Land Transportation Office chief Virginia Torres for her alleged role in the foiled takeover of LTO's information technology provider.

In a statement, Stradcom's Bonifacio Sumbilla said the Department of Justice (DOJ) fact-finding committee headed by Baraan failed to consider the "prejudicial question of who has legal [and] controlling stocks in Stradcom" in its investigation of the Dec. 9, 2010, incident.

Sumbilla, who claims to be the lawful president of Stradcom, said the DOJ panel's report was "fraught with bias" for Cezar Quiambao, the leader of the rival group claiming ownership of the IT firm.

"As we had painstakingly explained in the past ... our presence in the LTO compound in Quezon City was an exercise of [the] duly vested corporate authority over the company's assets and facilities in the compound," Sumbilla said.

He said his group owned majority of United Information Technologies, which purportedly controls Stradcom International Holdings Inc. which in turn "owns majority of Stradcom."

Sumbilla said a 2007 Supreme Court ruling upheld the legality of their ownership claim. *Marlon Ramos*

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2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of stockholders on April 12, 2010
3. Annual Report and approval of the Audited Financial Statements as of December 31, 2010
4. Ratification of all acts and resolutions during the preceding year of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Management Committees and officers
5. Increase in the compensation of directors
6. Election of directors, including independent directors
7. Election of the external auditor and fixing of its remuneration
8. Consideration of such other business as may properly come before the meeting
9. Adjournment

Only stockholders of record as of February 16, 2011 will be entitled to notice and to vote at this meeting.

The Annual Meeting of stockholders will be followed by an organizational meeting of the Board of Directors for the election of the officers of the Company and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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MACARIO E. FRONDA, 89, the original composer "Tribute to the Cordillera," which was made into the official theme of the Baguio City's Panagbenga Festival.

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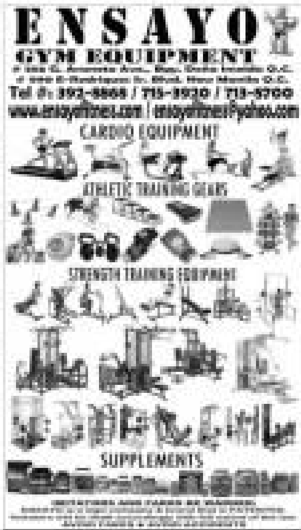


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Brave cop foils robbery

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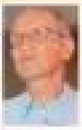
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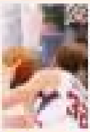
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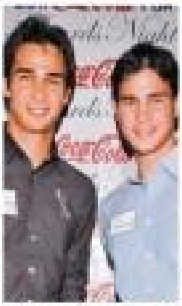


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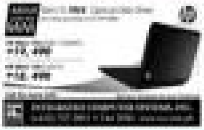
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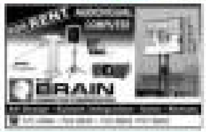
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BSP expected to hike key policy rates

Officials hope to tame inflation brought on by surging oil prices

By Doris C. Dumlao

BRITISH BANKING giant HSBC expects the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to raise its key rates by 25 basis points when members of its Monetary Board sit down on March 24 as consumer prices are now rising faster than anticipated due to surging global oil and food prices.

The inflation figure in February, which rose to 4.3 percent from the 3.6 percent seen in January, served as a "wake-up" call for the regulator, Hong Kong-based HSBC economist Sherman Chan said in a research note issued last Friday after the Philippine inflation report came out.

"The BSP is unlikely to sit tight for long given that it monitors inflation closely and has had a credible inflation-fighting record in recent years. Moreover, as officials put heavy emphasis on inflation expectations, the fact that there is hardly anyone who is not concerned about inflation means that the urge for monetary tightening is perhaps stronger than what the headline numbers warrant," Chan said.

Although HSBC only sees a 25-basis point rate hike in March, Chan is not ruling a more aggressive stance by the BSP which may decide to raise key interest by 50 basis points in the months ahead.

The Philippines is not immune to global inflation concerns as price pressures are spreading, Chan said, noting that the consumer price index in February had indicated a rise not only in food items but also in the energy and core components.

"After enjoying 2010 in a sweet spot of low inflation and strong growth, the page has clearly turned [for the Philippines] and the BSP will need to take some action to normalize its stance," Chan explained.

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Traders seen to lock in gains

AFTER a strong rebound last week, investors may be tempted to lock in gains in the days ahead as a fresh spike in global oil prices will likely trigger risk-taking.

The main-share Philippine Stock Exchange index surged last week by 2.8 percent to 3,882.77 as bargain hunters took heart from good local corporate earnings and positive news from the United States.

On Friday, however, the Dow Jones closed down by 88.32 points, or 0.72 percent, to 12,169.88 as investors were again anxious of the Middle East North

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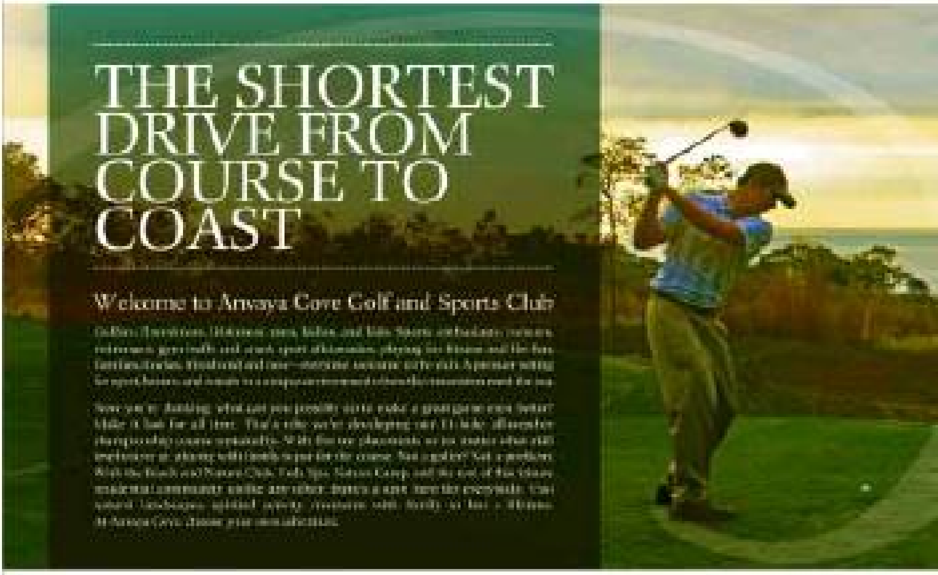
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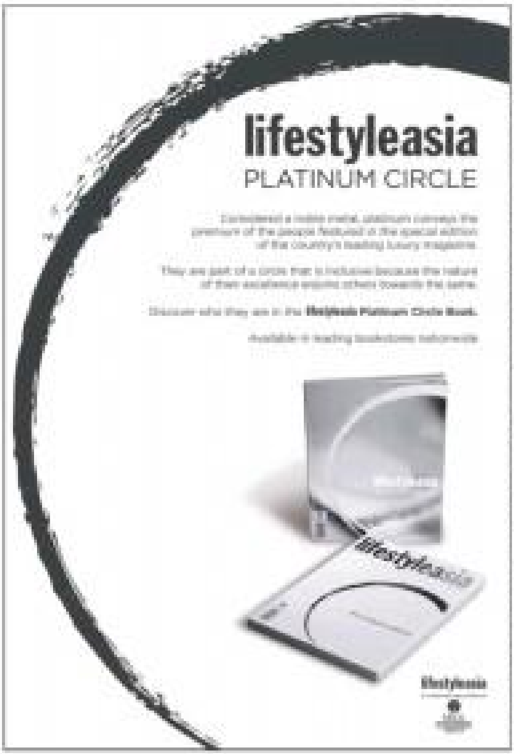
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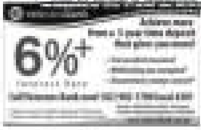
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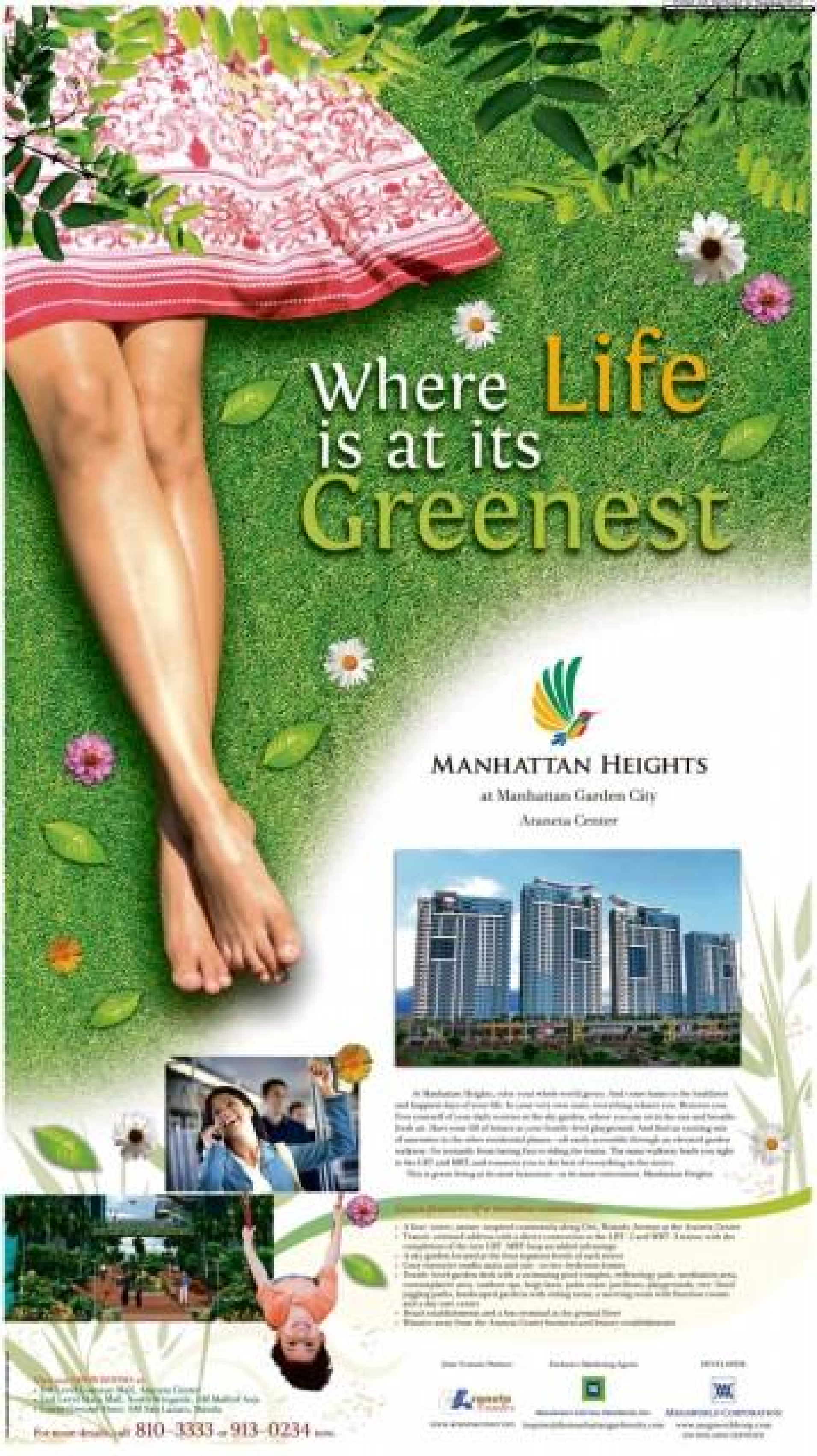
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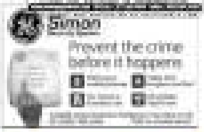
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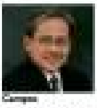
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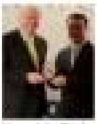
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Epson comes out with lighter, slimmer 3LCD projectors

By Raquel P. Gomez

SLIM, LIGHTWEIGHT devices that can be easily tucked inside a bag and carried anywhere are what customers seek out when shopping for a high-lumens projector.

Epson has come to satisfy that demand by launching what it claims to be the world's slimmest and lightest 3LCD projectors.

Almost the size of an A4 sheet of paper, the new Epson EB-1700 Series projectors weigh only about 1.7kg and feature a slim chassis.

The projector, tailored to suit the needs of businessmen and educators, is about 44 mm tall—the height of a 2AA battery. It can easily fit inside a laptop bag, leaving room for more.

The devices feature Epson's proprietary 3LCD technology, which allows the projectors to deliver brightness of up to 3,000 lumens White and Color Light Output (CLO).

The technology also allows it to project bright images and vibrant colors even in brightly lit rooms.

The compact Epson projectors are also short throw projectors. This means that they can project stunning 60-inch images from a distance of just over a meter.

According to Epson Philippines officials, the new projectors is the company's response to the growing demand for portable devices fit for the lifestyle of people who are always on the go.

In addition to being light and portable, the Epson EB-1700 Series projectors are also Wi-Fi capable. The devices also have other key features such as quick startup and instant shut down, automatic keystone correction, and one button screen fit.

One good feature is the USB plug and play. With it, users can attach a USB data dongle to a projector and present the files saved on a USB flash drive even without the use of a PC.

Another state-of-art feature is the "3-in-1 USB Display." It is a long USB cable that comes with a projector. It can carry all kinds of signals—image, sound and mouse control data (for mouse cursor and Page Up/ Down).

This feature, combined with the remote control, allows users to easily present a slideshow from a distance.

Epson exerted quite an effort to slim down its line of projectors—and the devices don't come cheap. The suggested retail price of an Epson EB-1750 is P57,000, the Epson EB-1760W, may go for P63,000, while the Epson EB-1770W is priced at P68,000. The upcoming Epson EB-1775W will cost P74,000.

Epson Philippines Corp. commanded an 18-percent market share on projectors in the country for the period of April to December 2010.

Globally, Epson is the leading 3LCD projector manufacturer in 2010 with a market share of 22.6 percent. It earned for it the distinction of being the Top Projector Maker of the Decade (2001-2010).



A taste of Apple's iPad 2

NO LESS than Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs introduced the iPad 2, returning to the spotlight after a brief medical absence for the unveiling of its updated second-edition tablet.

The anticipation here has not been as strong as it was in the United States, but the introduction of the Apple iPad 2 in the Philippines is still expected to command much attention.

On March 2, Apple stock value rose to a new high of $352 apiece, up from $78.20 a share on January 20, 2009. This seems to indicate that a lot of confidence has been invested in the technology pacesetter.

Although both the old and new iPads run on 1Ghz processors, the iPad 2 is equipped with a new dual-core processor, A5, iOS 4.3.

It has dual-facing cameras. The rear camera can record High Definition videos with 720p at 30fps. The front camera may be used for non-HD purposes.

At 8.8 mm, the new iPad is 33 percent thinner and smaller than its predecessor. It is also lighter, weighing in 601 grams with Wi-Fi, and 613 grams with Wi-Fi+3G.

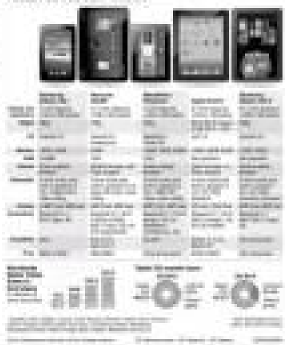
There are 16GB, 32GB and 64GB variants of the tablet. Its original anodized aluminum metal finish at the back with white or black bezel has been fitted with a magnetic smart cover protector that doubles as a back enclosure or a stand for reading or for watching convenience.

Prices range from $499 (8GB) depending on the variant. The prices did not stray too far from that of the original when it was first release in January 2010.

The iPad 2 will be available in the United States on March 11. In 26 other countries, the devices will be on the shelves by March 25.

Apple iPad's closest rival, Google Android's '3.0 Honeycomb' OS, may have a lot of catching up to do if it hopes to become the tablet market's top dog. Also entering the arena is Research In Motion's Playbook, which is equipped with Blackberry OS. Louie T. Bacani, with reports from Reuters

TABLET DEVICE COMPARISON



Redefining 'hands-free'

By Thoreau E. Samaniego



HOW DO you simplify your life when multitasking has become a norm in today's "techie world"? With the different gadgets one can tinker with, having two hands may no longer be enough.

In the case of the more sophisticated mobile phones now available in the market, apart from making phone calls, one can also send and receive text messages and e-mails, check the Internet and even play online games with these devices.

The solution, according to China-based Hisense, can be found in something as small as your thumb: a Bluetooth headset. The device will enable a user to communicate wirelessly, effectively freeing your hands for other tasks.

Hisense, a global brand recognized for its multimedia, telecommunications and information-technology solutions, recently launched a new line of Bluetooth mobile accessories ranging from multipoint mono Bluetooth headsets, stereo Bluetooth headsets, solar-powered hands-free car kits and portable solar-powered chargers.

According to Obed Shuhai, accounts/sr. division director for Hisense, the company's products will give customers that "total user experience," enhanced by technology, design, fashion, wearability and innovation.

"We want to meet consumer needs with thoughtful solutions integrated in every product detail and feature. We aim for products to perform at its best and, overall, improve the quality of life of our customers," Shuhai explained.

While bluetooth devices are not entirely new to the world of gadgets, the use of such accessories have been gaining ground in the local market.

Some of the devices recently launched were the HB200M mono headset, which has a multipoint feature, and the HB280C. These devices, which come with a magnetic clip and allows users to wear the headset with ease, are sleek, lightweight and discreet.

The HB680C clip allows a user to enjoy listening to music with wireless ease. It is also compatible with any device with bluetooth stereo streaming capability. Similarly, the HB440D Hi-Fi stereo also offers amazing sound with its Hi-Fi frequency response speakers, allowing its user to experience the power of wireless music and calls.

The HB650S Car Kit, with its full duplex sound quality technology, allows a user to engage in a hands-free conversation while driving. Its echo free and noise reduction features further enhance call quality.

For the fitness enthusiast, an ergonomic wireless handset like the HB420S Sport enables one to listen to a workout music playlist while taking calls.

Another plus, according to Shuhai, is that all the Hisense bluetooth mono headsets and car kit can pair up to eight mobile devices, allowing the user to connect with two phones simultaneously, even with different network providers.

"We give [consumers] good products, great features, great technology, good warranty policy," Shuhai said. "This way we can persuade our customers to enjoy the benefits of bluetooth products.



HB680C Clip

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OBITUARIES

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"Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

RAUL C. HERNÁNDEZ

February 3, 1934 – March 4, 2011

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Passed Away Peacefully In The Hands of God.

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ROLANDO LUNA AQUINO

(December 21, 1950 - March 4, 2011)

San Beda HS Class 1968
Fullerton College (USA) 1975

He is now rested peacefully in God's loving embrace, together with wife **RICA BORRES** (†), *father* **WENCESLAO F. AQUINO** (†), *and mother* **HERMINIA LUNA-AQUINO** (†).

A loving father to CAROL, WINSTON and SHERYL, a caring brother to WINNIE and STELLA, BABY and FERDIE, a doting lolo to SAMANTHA, a very supportive uncle to his nieces and nephews and a great relative and friend to have and to keep.

His remains lie in state at the Sta. Maria Della Strada Chapel, Katipunan Avenue, Quezon City. There will be daily Evening Masses/Novena at 8:00 p.m.

Interment will be on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 10:00 a.m. at Heritage Filipino Memorial Cemetery, Tandang Sora, Quezon City.

In Loving Memory
on the
THIRTEENTH DEATH ANNIVERSARY
of

FILOMENA L. CONTRERAS

November 22, 1900 – March 7, 1998

Holy Masses will be offered today, March 7, 2011 at the following:

Santuario de San Antonio	Forbes Park, Makati City	10:30 AM
St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori	Magallanes Village, Makati City	7:00 AM
Our Lady of the Abandoned	Sta. Ana, Manila	6:30 AM
Santuario de San Jose	Greenhills, San Juan	7:15 AM
Mary the Queen	Madison Street, San Juan	7:00 AM
St. Joseph Parish	Project 3, Quezon City	7:00 AM
Immaculate Conception Parish	Lantana Street, Cubao, Quezon City	7:00 AM
Christ the King Seminary	E. Rodriguez, Quezon City	6:00 AM
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church	Lipa City, Batangas	6:00 AM
San Sebastian Cathedral	Lipa City, Batangas	6:00 AM
Don Bosco Parish Church	Pasong Road, Makati City	7:00 AM

We, her Family, request relatives, friends and pious readers to join us in prayer for the eternal repose of her soul.

OBITUARIES

GREGORIO B. PATACSIL, JR.

June 14, 1934 – March 5, 2011

Beloved Husband to **Norma** (†) and Father
Esteemed Cardiologist / Physician, Teacher and Mentor

Greg's children **Martin**, **Norge**, **Lia & Ferdie Makalinao**, and **Miguel**; grandson **JC**; and other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Felicidad Chapel, Arlington Memorial Chapels, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Cremation will be at The Arlington Crematory on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

CONSUELO CUENTO DORIA

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BUSINESS Monday

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LIFESTYLE Arts&Books

Federico Aguilar Alcuaz's Manila

The Rotisserie at the Manila Pavilion holds the largest corpus of the late National Artist-elect's paintings virtually on permanent display

By Lito B. Zulueta

UNTIL HIS death last Feb. 2, Federico Aguilar Alcuaz made the Manila Pavilion, the Manila Hilton to old-timers, his atelier and residence.

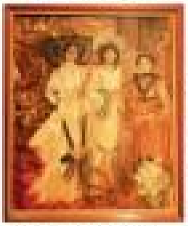
The globe-trotting though not necessarily worldly-wise, and hardly wizened, artist had had other studios abroad—in Barcelona, Hanover and New York—but it was at the Manila hotel suite-residence where he stayed the longest and where he did most of his various suites of work.



INTERIORS of the Rotisserie with Aguilar-Alcuaz mural depicting a nocturnal landscape during the 1981 beatification of Lorenzo Ruiz and Companion Martyrs by John Paul the Great









Federico Aguilar Alcuaz's Manila









An Art Deco morning in Miami

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Augusto F. Villalon





The buzz

Neighborhood regeneration





Araceli Dans retrospective opens tonight





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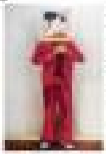
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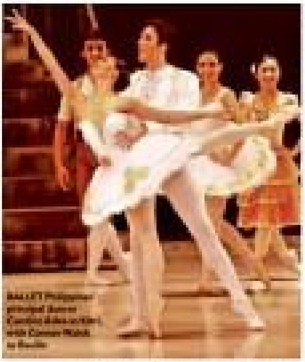


Hitchcock's '39 Steps' reaches stage

Liza Infante returns to Philippine stage



Seen and heard at Ballet Philippines' 'Don Quixote'





Charming personality

Slow orchestra

In her element

'Kabaret' is ballet for 'mature' audiences only

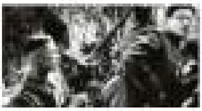
UE Chorale to embark on Europe tour; bold send-off concert March 8

Baritone Andrew Fernando at Kiss The Cook Gourmet March 13



ANDREW Fernando

Exhibit on Spanish Civil War foreign correspondents extended







THE EXHIBIT consists of 18 original newspaper articles and facsimiles.

Arts festival launched in Negros

By [illegible]
Contributor

THE PHILIPPINE International Arts Festival (PIAF), formerly the National Arts Month, was launched in the Visayas region by the National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA) and the Government of Negros Occidental.

On Feb. 12, the dance concert "Portraits" was staged by [illegible] at the Negros Museum.

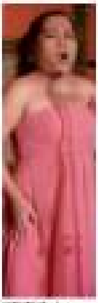
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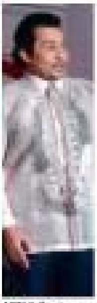
"PORTRAITS"



DANCE interpretation of the 7 arts



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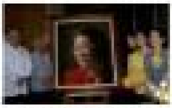
Former German envoy's autobiography launched



Art exhibit pays tribute to Edsa revolution



WITH sculptor Daniel dela Cruz



GIFT from Pinoma to the Aquino sisters, portrait by Jerry Morada



Enchong Dee enjoys a refreshing lift with the new Jollibee Float



Caught in camera: Young actor Enchong Dee joins Jollibee's most sought-after list of endorsers and keeps it cool with his new favorite, the Jollibee Float.

LIFESTYLE Arts&Books

San Sebastian Basilica: Beautiful, endangered


THE RECOLETO church has vaulting columns typical of a Gothic church.

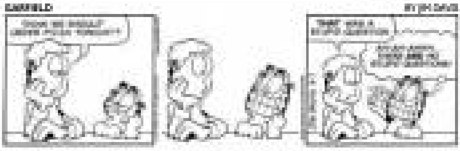
WITH HEAVENLY music from a male choir (recorded) sounding above, the portals opened to reveal a beautifully lighted San Sebastian Basilica, with its chandeliers gleaming along the central nave, stained-glass art, period confessionals, rose windows, paintings, sacred images, and stately retablo (altar backdrop).

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> Illuminati Travel and Tours is holding a 'visita iglesia' and cultural-heritage tours around the country to raise awareness about the risks facing the country's cultural patrimony


ILLUMINATI conducts tour of the church, which is up for renovation.

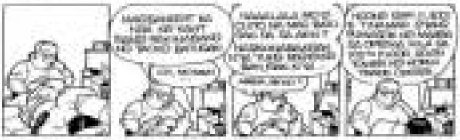
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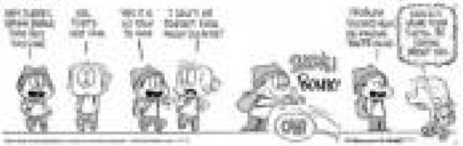


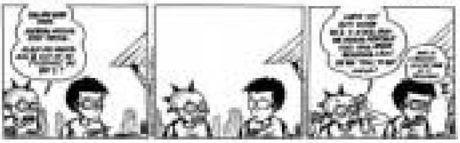
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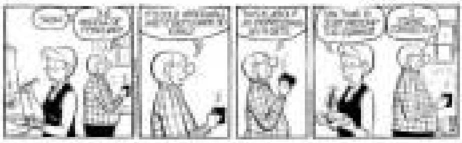


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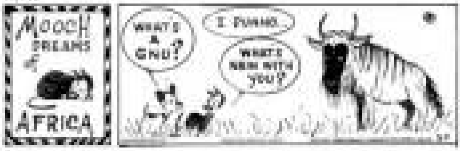




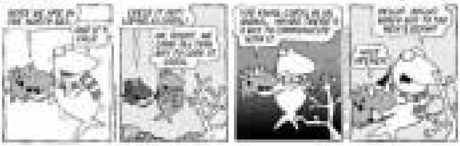
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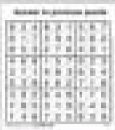




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CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

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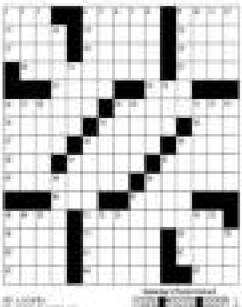


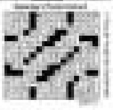
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Fatima shrine in Bulacan marks 50th anniversary

San Sebastian Basilica: Beautiful, endangered



Dangal ng UST awards ceremony today





Multimedia service and lifestyle portal launched

Javier, Tuazon and Bacolor at Finale Art File







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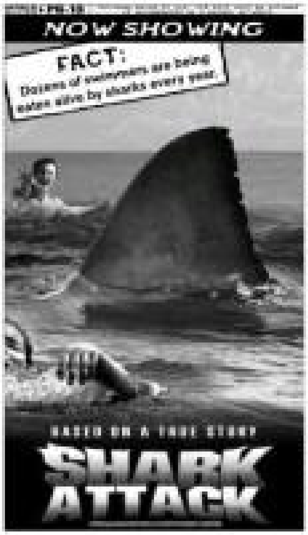
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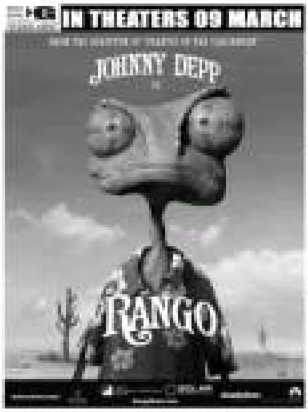


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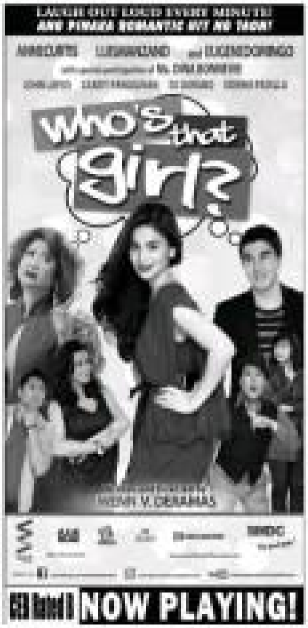
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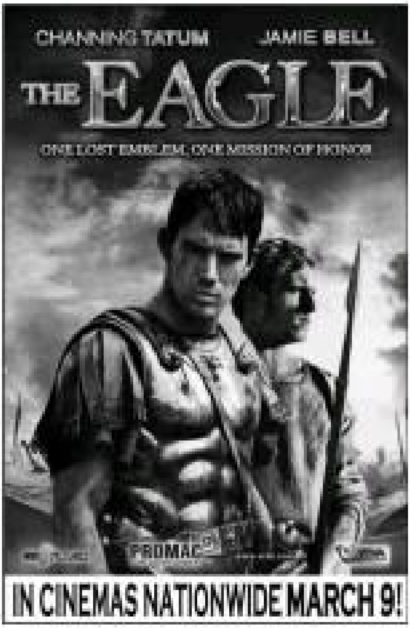




Phil's girl

Online tracking





Win some, lose some



VIEWFINDER
Nestor U. Torre

WITH so many new shows making their debut on TV these days, we've doubled and on some days even tripled our viewing schedule, just to keep on top of the latest developments. In the process, we've been exposed to all sorts of performances, some of them quite memorable, but most others decidedly forgettable—and some even execrable.

On the upbeat side, we've been enjoying the unexpectedly on-target "gay" portrayal of Tirso Cruz III as Regine Velasquez's "tito-tito" on "I (Heart) You, Pare." What makes Tirso's portrayal so choice is the fact that he does it with sobriety and even delicacy, without going the "flaming faggot" route that many actors who play gays on TV resort to, in order to get cheap laughs.

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TIRSO Cruz III: "No flaming faggot"

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Come back, kid

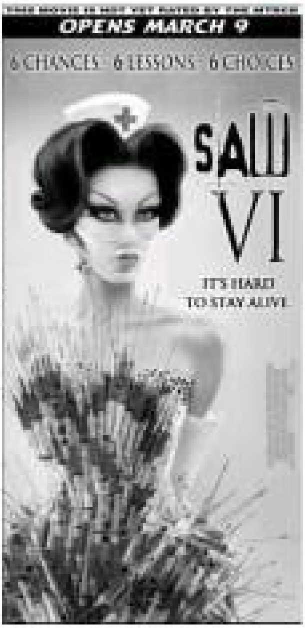
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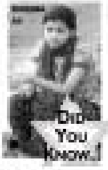


JOHN Uy: Impressive









Did You Know...

Fire destroys 'Slumdog' actor's home

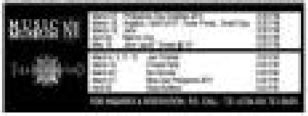
MUMBAI—A fire in a Mumbai slum destroyed the one-room shack of "Slumdog Millionaire" child actress Rubina Ali, leaving her family homeless, Ali said.

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Film a tribute to mom



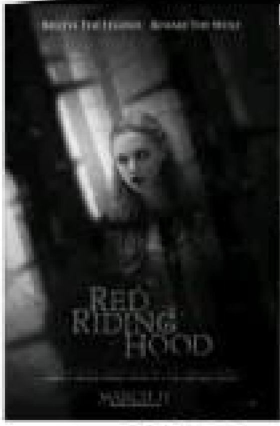
THE ACTOR with mom Africa Cruz Reyes



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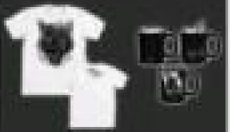
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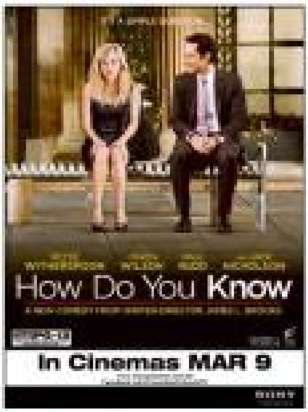


TV5 sets P5-B budget for news upgrade

By Marinel R. Cruz



LUCHI Cruz-Valdez



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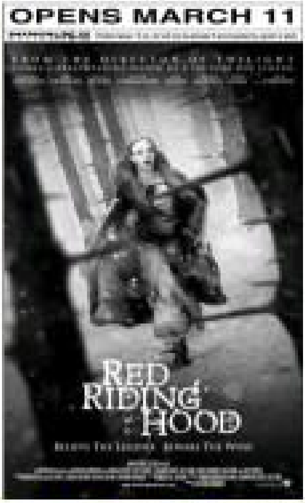




DAVID Arquette

Arquette 'OK' after car crash





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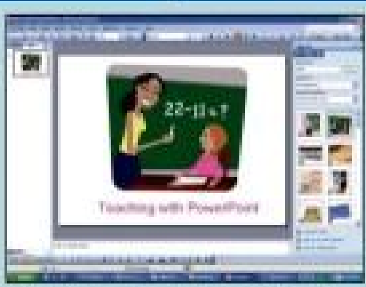
Are children safe online!

DepEd teaches students self-protection vs abuse / H2

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Is PowerPoint pointless for teachers?

SHE IS a working student rushing to catch my class after teaching the whole day on the other side of town. I ask how she is holding up the balance. She says it is the PowerPoint that is taking up much of her time.



Promises and misuses

Cognitive constraints

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Sped goes 'high tech' for students with autism

By Nina Calleja

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Fixation



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Am I a Tiger Mom?



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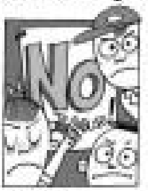
TV and computer games

Extracurricular activities

You decide

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Lessons on preventing sexual abuse



Education summit to target zero dropout rate in public schools



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Biotechnology can spur national growth



Schools compete in Manila dragon boat competition





THE GIVING SPIRIT OF '86

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God is part of the lesson plan

BEFORE EATING his peanut butter sandwich, four-year-old Lucas Badajos said a little prayer.

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STUDENTS display their art work on the wall (above); a class prays before snack time (right).